

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

Lyle Provost (Kim Provost) – Kim Provost's brother, Lyle Provost, had a successful brain surgery and is now receiving cancer treatment.

Miriam Rodriguez (Larry McKesson) – Larry & Keitha's neighbor has been put on the liver transplant waiting list. She is also showing early signs of dementia.

Ongoing Health Concerns — Vashara; Ryan Patrick; Ken Williard's daughter-in-law; Yolanda & Judy Woody; Cailin Porter; Bobby Arnett; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Terry Wells.

Brad & Sarah McGlothlin (Nathan Wheeler) – Brad and Sarah, of Oklahoma City, plan to begin studies at Bear Valley this fall.

Door for the Word – Pray for relationships with the lost that lead to opportunities to talk about Jesus.

Announcements

August Potluck The August potluck fellowship will be Sunday, August 23rd.

Silverton Singing The Silverton Church of Christ is hosting the August 5th Sunday singing on Sunday, August 30th at 4:00 pm. More details to follow soon.

September Cookout Kenny & Debbie Sutherlin are hosting a cookout fellowship at their Vallecito house. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19th, beginning at noon.

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Service Times

Bible Study
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Worship
Sunday 10:20 a.m.

Staying cool in the shade in north Durango.



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Quest for the Truth

By Fred Willmon

We seek to restore New testament Christianity in the present time and place. The Bible alone must be our rule of faith and practice. Our concern is to worship and serve the Father, and to proclaim the gospel of Christ to all people everywhere. Spiritual matters may be downgraded by some, but Jesus is the key to happy abundant life. His body, the church, seeks to reflect His glory, His concerns, His life into the world.

The quest for truth must be centered in the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 states, "All Scripture is breathed out by God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be mature, completely furnished for every good work." The claim is a simple and profound one: God has used His own breath to speak forth the Scriptures. They are His words, and whether we read them, hear them read, or examine them closely, diligently, and worshipfully, the words of the Bible are God's own words.

Not only are they His words, but since they are, they perfectly and completely meet our needs. They are indeed profitable, that is, useful, helpful, filling life with that which

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enriches it. Specifically they are profitable for doctrine." "Doctrine" is literally "teaching": everything we teach in religious matters must be Biblical. Opinion, supposition, and personal desire are of no value Biblically. Tradition, custom, prejudice - these are absolutely worthless in spiritual matters. God has spoken, and "teaching" (doctrine) is from Him alone.

Our responsibility in the matter is not one of formulation of doctrine, but discovery and implementation of that which God's word states. His word serves as doctrine, it will rebuke us when we need it, correct us when we come short of or go beyond that which God's desires, instruct us so that continual growth occurs. God has made us to become mature, and only His word can provide the basis, encourage and demand the activity, draw forth the devotion and dedication that lead to and compose maturity. The purpose of God's word is bring each Christian to mature adulthood, to grow us up in Christ, to completely supply the things necessary for us to accomplish every good work of which we are capable and which God desires (Ephesians 4:11ff). The quest for spiritual truth finds its all in God's word.

In the word of God sets forth a pattern for Christian life, that is, for the things we believe, the way we worship, the attitudes and desires we should cultivate, the way we cooperate together as a body. 1 Peter 2:21-3:1ff states, "For even to this were you called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you all should follow His steps; who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes you all were healed." The record of Jesus as He lived on this earth gives us a example for living. To "follow His steps" in all matters is our goal. He is in fact our goal: we live to put into our own lives the attitudes, concerns, and desires of Jesus. This is true both individually and collectively as His body, the church.

***He Who Does Not Dwell
In What Our Hands Can Build***
Luke 9:28–36

1. Jesus _____ the Scriptures

2. The Temptation to _____ God

3. Read the Bible by the _____ of Jesus Christ

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

August 10	Mon	Proverbs 18 – 21
August 11	Tue	Proverbs 22 – 25
August 12	Wed	Proverbs 26 – 29
August 13	Thur	Prov. 30 – Eccl. 1
August 14	Fri	Ecclesiastes 2 – 5
